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AnswerMan "debunkers" Edith Stein Gassing Claims

As **SR** readers will recall, AnswerMan is the persona of an active revisionist historian who shies from neither showmanship nor controversy (see **SR** 58). Here's what college students visiting his page on CODOHWeb are reading regarding the recently canonized Jewish Carmelite, Edith Stein:

Question: Press reports have made it seem as if Edith Stein's recent elevation to saint and martyr by the Catholic Church somehow validates the "gas chambers." What is actually known about her death?

AnswerMan: Edith Stein was among a group of 987 Dutch Jews who were deported from Westerbork and who arrived at Auschwitz on August 8, 1942. Her arrest and confinement were directly related to the actions of the Dutch Roman Catholic hierarchy, which had spoken out against the German policy of deportations. Although Jewish by birth, there is no reason to believe that Stein was persecuted merely for that reason: on the contrary, the decision to deport the Jewish converts to Roman Catholicism was directly related to the public stand of the Dutch church. As a result, while Edith was

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CODOH CAMPUS ADS SHAKE HOLOCAUST LOBBY FROM LOS ANGELES TO JERUSALEM

CODOH's Campus Project, which took off with a roar at the start of the school year in September, surged ahead in October. The attention-getting $250K reward offer for setting up a TV debate with the ADL has now run at over a score of colleges and universities across America, in publications with a combined circulation of over two hundred thousand.

At nearly every place it has appeared, the audacious ad that blasts away at the ADL-enforced taboo against debating the Holocaust has aroused controversy, outrage, and interest among students, professors, and administrators, as well as a broader, non-academic audience of gentiles and Jews.

If there were anyone who still doubted the real efficacy, and the even greater potential of the Campus Project, the indications of anxiety from the chief custodians of the Holocaust cult that continued to multiply in the face of CODOH's continued, and intensifying, ability to direct university audiences to its powerful cyberspace arsenal of revisionist scholarship, CODOHWeb, should prove the Project's worth.

Last February 6, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ran a brief story that stated: "An ad, so small that it might easily be overlooked, has caused a big stir at Georgia State University among students and faculty members because it directs readers to a Web site challenging certain aspects of the Holocaust. Funded by Bradley Smith, who calls himself a revisionist, the ad clearly questions

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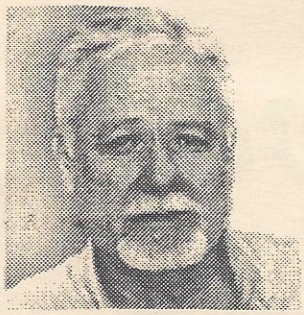

Bradley R. Smith

NOTEBOOK

In the previous issue of **SR** I wrote about how, as part of the Campus Project, I had started putting together a "fax-web" connecting the campus and off campus newspaper editors who have run our ads, printed our opinion pieces, or have run comment on any of it. It was a good idea. It's getting better.

News rooms included in our fax-web are to be updated bi-monthly at first, then weekly, on what CODOH is doing to promote revisionism on campus and elsewhere, and, more important, what their fellow journalists are writing about CODOH ads and revisionism. Journalists who repeat Lobby press releases uncritically will find their reportage posted on Campus Update and critiqued in a way that will demonstrate to them, their peers and to students how they have been taken in.

We will submit op-ed pieces bi-monthly, then weekly, to the nation's press. By the time this newsletter is in your hands, for example, an opinion piece illustrating the emptiness of the Lobby claims that Edith Stein, the Carmelite nun recently elevated to sainthood by the Catholic church, was killed by "gassing" at Auschwitz, will be on the desks of every editor on our fax-web. The op-ed piece will cite the documentary basis for the front-page story by AnswerMan in this issue of **SR**.

We will use press releases via the fax-web to update editors on current media stories that are relevant to revisionism. Each press release offers an electronic "link" to a document already posted on CODOHWeb that gives the revisionist background to the story, a resource that the print press in America--on or off campus--has never before had. The beauty of this program is that we point our editor in a timely way to a document that is relevant to a story he is working on, a document which in all likelihood he does not know exists, that he is not going to get from any other source, and one that is, available--now!

CODOHWeb has become a very large entity, a huge library with many special interest collections housed in "rooms" circling the great main reading room. One of those "rooms" is my own, the personal Web page of Bradley R. Smith. There, one of the "special collections" is documents that make up, and will make up, the Campus Project.

The first important sheaf of documents in this special collection originated with the *Advance-Titan* at U Wisconsin-Oshkosh (see our lead story, this issue). As we reported in **SR** 58, the $250K ad was run in the *A-T* on 16 Sept. On 23 Sept the paper published ten(!) letters from the UWO faculty bemoaning, complaining, and condemning the ad while avoiding its text with the greatest circumspection. A letter to the editor would hardly be able to respond to the nature of the special pleading on behalf of exterminationist orthodoxy expressed in the scribblings of these profs. In the old days--that is, until last month--such disclosures of academic dimness would have gone out of circulation when the last *Advance-Titan* was thrown in the trash.

No more! All ten faculty letters are posted on CODOHWeb for all the world to see, permanently, in the Campus Update folder. There, each professor has the honor to have his letter to the Oshkosh students commented on by myself. Ostensibly, I address the professors, but my responses are tailored to the needs of students to witness, at last, the air being let out of these self-inflated faculty windbags. CODOHWeb has no space limitations! We will never run out of space to display for the amusement and edification of students the inadequate thinking and character of so many of their professors.

The next step is to install a "dedicated" e-mail post office box on the Campus Update page itself. This will allow students and others to supply the Project with news and other timely background regarding the Holocaust controversy on their campus, and wounded professors to complain of their fate. Some who search the site will want to comment on what they read there, and now they will be able to reach me quickly and easily.

For half a century the Holocaust story has been front page news for journalists, primary material for academic inquiry, and a wonderful tool for those who would use it to gain cultural influence and private gain. Revisionists have been kept out of the loop from the beginning. CODOH is changing this. We are becoming, at last, a resource for students and the press, and it will follow that we will become a resource for the professors. We have built an institution on the Internet--CODOHWeb--and we are ready and able to go head to head with the multi-million-dollar-funded institutions representing the Holocaust Lobby in all its many forms.

Control of the Holocaust information loop has spun out of the hands of its traditional guardians with the development of new technology--the Internet and the World Wide Web. From the beginning the loop was in the hands of a few great metropolitan newspapers, a couple television networks, and the elite universities where a tenured professoriat acted as the guardians of the sacred information necessary to maintain the influence of the cult it served.

The Internet and the Web pay no special allegiance to old information loops, but absorb them and at the same time allow new ones to be created. CODOHWeb is creating a new information loop providing journalists and academics the information they need to judge each other's words, as well as the actions of the special-interest pleaders they have allied themselves with for so many decades. All of which will be archived and indexed. For years, using radio and television, then ads in campus papers without the possibility of follow-up, I would surprise an audience, hit quick, hit hard, and get out. Those were commando raids. That's all I could do--then.

No more commando raids. We're engaging the Holocaust establishment head to head. We're using the Internet and World Wide Web to match the physical institutions of the establishment with our conceptual one. Lady reporters at the *Jerusalem Post*, and at the *Washington Post*, are going to find us intertwining our informational loop with the establishment loops journalists and academics have heretofore used exclusively. No more exclusivity. We champion the diversity others only give lip service to. Diversity of thought, diversity of belief, diversity of perspective--diversity! We're the multi-culturalists of the intellectual life. . . .

But then, don't let me run on. I have work to do.

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whether gas chambers were used...."

That was then, this is now. As reported in last month's *Smith's Report*, the large (4" x 10"), impossible-to-overlook $250K reward ad set off a major uproar at Georgia State, an uproar that has not yet really subsided. The ad sparked at least two lengthy articles in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and has continued to attract articles and letters in the GSU *Signal*.

The dozen new ads published in the past thirty days have ignited campus controversies similar to those at Georgia St., the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, and California St.-Fullerton (see **SR** 58). At **Indiana University-South Bend**, where the reward ad was published in the *Preface* (circulation 4,000) on September 23, as at other campuses, the ad was news off campus, as the city *South Bend Tribune* reported "Ad Denying Holocaust Causes Stir at IUSB." Despite the predictable tumult on campus, ten members of the IUSB faculty in effect endorsed CODOH's call for open debate by placing a half page ad in the *Preface*, listing resources students can consult for "accurate" information about the Holocaust. While the storm of protests against the ad wrung a half apology from *Preface* editor Rebecca Ferguson (she said that she was sorry, but that she might well run the ad again!), and a public forum on the ad arranged by the *Preface* for the IUSB community (presumably so they could "vent"), the damage had been done--in the hard eyes of the ADL and the other watchdogs from the Holocaust lobby.

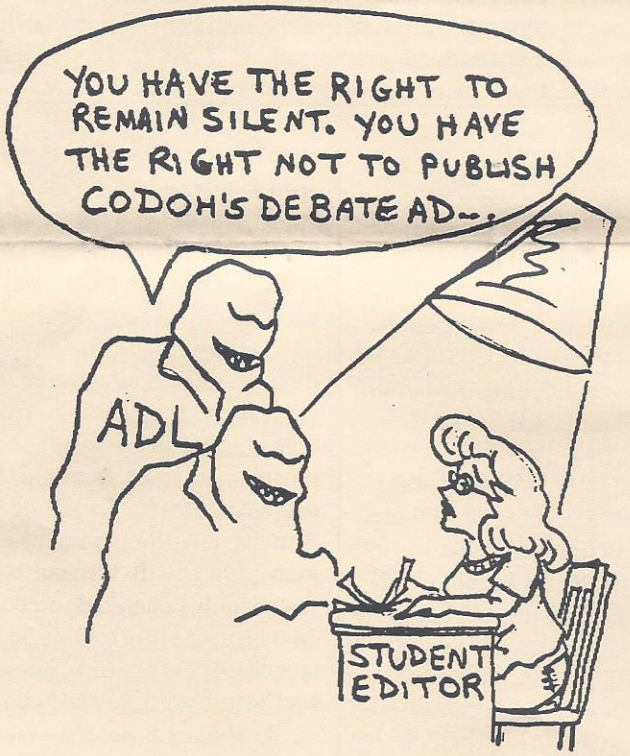
At **Kent State**, where the ad ran on October 8 in the *Daily Kent Stater* (circulation 14,000), the chiefs of KSU's Jewish student groups (including the president of Hillel, which tracks revisionist doings on campus nationwide for the ADL [see **SR** 42], and the president of the Jewish United Students) published an angry letter in the *Stater* which included this memorable sentence: "History is not debatable." The editors of the *Daily Kent Stater* fired back on October 21 with a staff editorial that made the nationwide U-Wire Today, an Internet Website that runs articles of interest from the campus press across America, in which they disagreed with CODOH's revisionist position, but stated: "The Holocaust, like every other historical event, is open to interpretation," and affirmed "It is up to the individual...to decide what they believe or endorse." More heresy for the Holocaust cult!

At **Marquette University** in Milwaukee, where the reward ad ran on September 29 in the *Marquette Tribune* (circulation 7,500), the editors seem to have compounded their sin of accepting the ad. Not only did the editors err by not apologizing, noted Professor Richard A. Abrams of the School of Dentistry in a letter to the *Tribune*, but they also mistitled an op-ed piece attacking our ad: "Holocaust Denial Argument Lacks Strong Evidence." According to Abrams, the title should have read: "Holocaust Denial Argument Is Totally Without Merit." Once again, the damage was already done--and, on reading Professor Abrams's angry screed, which in its demands exceeds any free-speech offense of Marquette alumnus Senator Joseph McCarthy, we'll give his dentist's chair a very wide berth.

At **Wayne State University** in Detroit, where our reward ad ran on September 16 (see **SR** 58), the campus controversy was still lively enough a month later for the *WSU South End* (circulation 10,000) to open its pages to the president of the university, Irvin D. Reid. "WSU President Reid Speaks Out" proclaimed the headline, and speak out he did, trumpeting the by-now obligatory Holocaust pieties. Lest he be somehow, even inadvertently, tarred with the stain of bigotry, President Reid delivered himself of this forceful line: "I reject any and all forms of racism and prejudice, including any which would create doubt where none should exist." But the doubt was out, and the damage was done.

CODOH's reward ad in the ***Stanford Daily*** (circulation 16,000) on October 1 caught the eye of the editors of the *Forward* (New York City), a small but influential Jewish newspaper with a national circulation (October 9). No apologies from the *Stanford Daily* to the *Forward*: "...the Holocaust deniers' ad met the *Stanford Daily*'s standards of decency." Sole consolation (for the Lobby): first daughter Chelsea Clinton is on leave from Stanford while the nation ponders her dad's standards of decency--of course, if she's keeping up with events on campus, she can access CODOHWeb from the White House.

Despite being plugged in by phone, by fax, and via the Internet to the campuses on which CODOH has advertised (and those which haven't yet run the ad), we are sure that only a fraction of the news--including published news--of the stir which our ads cause is coming back to us. That's because in most cases getting much more than tear sheets, or copies of the ad as run, depends on more than ordinarily friendly editors, or CODOH contacts on campus or in the area. As yet, declared campus supporters of CODOH are few, and so we are able to report only fragmentarily on such items as the summoning of the editor of the **SUNY-Plattsburgh** (NY) *Cardinal Points* (circulation 6,500) to a special Star Chamber-style meeting with the university president and (at that legally secular state university) the Hillel rabbi. At this time we don't now if it happened, or if so, what ensued: we are as tantalized as you are.



CODOH's sustained ability to make its advertised challenge to the Holocaust cult *news* at campus after campus in America should not mislead revisionists into thinking that victory is at hand in the war for historical truth on this key issue. It would be more accurate to say that we are gaining the upper hand in the debate about open debate on the Holocaust. Students (and their professors), like most Americans, are still reluctant to voice questions about the historical, as opposed to the free speech, implications of CODOH's ads.

Nonetheless, we are receiving an increasing number of indications of covert revisionist activity on campus. An informant at Kent St. tells us that IHR's excellent revisionist pamphlets keep appearing in the library there. In August, the appearance of a leaflet entitled *Fight the Lies of the Holocaust* on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles resulted not only in the usual outcries but in the publication of a letter by Bradley Smith in the **UCLA** *Daily Bruin*. There Smith not only cited the arguments of Carlos Porter and Roger Garaudy, but included the address of CODOH's powerful Website, CODOHWeb.

It is CODOHWeb, which offers students nearly instant computer access to an up-to-date, state-of-the-art archive of Holocaust revisionism, that continues to give CODOH's Campus Project its bite. Controversy breeds curiosity; attacks arouse interest--and by accessing CODOHWeb intelligent students can see, and judge, for themselves and by themselves.

Nobody knows this better than the Holocaust lobby, of course. That's why the *Forward* is concerned about our ad running at Stanford--and at **Cal Tech**, to name another elite West Coast school where our ad appeared (September 18). It's why the *Detroit Jewish News* sought an interview with Smith, and why the American Jewish Committee's specialist on "extremism," Kenneth Stern, deplores Holocaust revisionism as "increasingly sophisticated" in its scholarship and "is particularly concerned by their marketing techniques which target young people... and college campuses" (from the weekly *Brooklyn Papers*, Brooklyn, NY, August 7).

For the last word on CODOHWeb, we turn to a representative of our very reluctant debate opponent, the ADL. Laura Kam, assistant director for public affairs at the ADL's Jerusalem office, outlined to the Jerusalem Post (October 23) one of the Holocaust lobby's Internet nightmares, as follows:

> Let's say that a youngster is doing a paper on the Holocaust and goes to a search engine. If he writes "Holocaust," he'll get not only Yad Vashem and other legitimate sources of information, but also the Web site of Bradley Smith, a major denier of the Holocaust, whose site looks as legitimate as Yad Vashem's. Smith's lies could then be incorporated into the school report and be passed on and on.

"Looks as legitimate as Yad Vashem's"? No doubt Ms. Kam meant that as a compliment. But one has to sympathize with Ms. Kam: If she and her bosses are really worried about school boys blundering across CODOHWeb, they must be terrified by the prospect of thousands of college students and professors deliberately seeking out and carefully measuring CODOHWeb.

Eight years ago the Committee for Open Debate of the Holocaust's Campus Project started placing ads on campus

aimed at opening college and university minds to the revisionist case against the orthodox line on the Holocaust. What began as the work of one man, Bradley Smith, in placing one column-inch ads offering a list of book titles and an occasional letter to the editor, has blossomed into a national advertising campaign that makes news just by running ads, and directs students, professors and interested lay persons by the thousands--more than 4,000 revisionist documents (not counting graphics) were accessed *daily* on CODOHWeb during the month of September-- to Butz, Berg, Faurisson, Garaudy, Rudolf and dozens of other scholars in literally hundreds of articles. Now Smith has the steady help of a number of skilled volunteers--and the help of a small but growing number of supporters, like yourself, without which CODOH's work is impossible.

At CODOH we're proud of what the Campus Project has achieved in terms of bringing the case for Holocaust revisionism to the attention of media, of academia, and of Americans from all walks of life. But we're painfully aware that we can't rest on our laurels--that we'll have no laurels until we and the revisionist scholars whose work we champion have a fair chance to make our case before the nation and the world. We are expanding and intensifying the Campus Project, and our global Internet outreach. We aim to win this face-off, not simply raise a ruckus here and there. With your continued help, we will.

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in one respect yet another Jewish victim of Nazi persecution, the immediate cause of her deportation cannot be separated from her adopted Christian faith.

Of the transport of 987, the records show that 464 of the deportees, men and women, were registered at Auschwitz, the remainder--including Edith Stein--were sent to Birkenau.

The standard explanation is that she was gassed the day after her arrival, but there is simply no evidence--either documentary or in terms of credible testimony--of this. "Gas chambers" are usually described as attached to crematoria, and there were no crematoria at Birkenau until the following spring of 1943. Therefore, the site of her supposed gassing is placed at one of the "Bunkers" where gassings are said to have taken place, hence the waggish characterization of Stein as "Saint Edith of the Bunkers."

But there's a problem here, too. "Bunkers" in German terminology were simply air raid shelters, above, or below ground, and at the camps they would be located at the fringes and would serve a variety of purposes: temporary isolation for incoming transports, holding pens while clothing was disinfested or recycled, security in the event of bombing raids, potential security in the event of an enemy aerial gas attack, and finally as strong points in the event of a prisoner insurrection. Such bunkers--some still exist at the camps, witness Neuengamme--were not designed for homicidal gassing and there is no evidence beyond assertion that they were ever used for that purpose.

It is hard to see exactly where Edith, known as Sister Theresia Benedicta of the Cross, would fit in at Auschwitz. As a fifty year old woman, she would probably not have been pressed into labor; as an unregistered woman she would probably be sent to Birkenau, and as a western European with no prior exposure to typhus she would quite likely be exposed to, and devastated by, that disease. In this respect it is interesting to note that in World War One, Stein had volunteered as a nurse at a "Seuchenlazarett" (hospital for infectious diseases) in Moravia, where she treated Austrian soldiers recuperating from typhus, cholera, and other diseases. Based on the above data, it seems probable that she would have been sent to Birkenau, where her experience and her calling would have been useful in treating the ill and dying inmates in the typhus epidemic that was raging there at the time of her arrival.

Whether the official position on her death creates a problem for Roman Catholic revisionists is arguable. The death date for many martyrs is quite arbitrarily assigned, because no one really knows: hence we frequently find saints whose birth days and dates of martyrdom are juxtaposed if not identical. Similarly, Church traditions often contain alternate versions of how a saint met his or her end; the variations are partly a function of tradition and local advocacy. In the final analysis there is nothing binding about the characteristics of Stein's beatification.

The possibility exists that she did not even die there: Dutch Jewish deportees stopped at Auschwitz, but have also been recorded at such points farther east as Lodz, Sobibor, and Kovno. However, on balance it seems likely that Edith Stein's personal Calvary would have come at Auschwitz, where her training as a nurse and her vocation as a nun would find their fulfillment in the treatment and care of the sick and dying inmates, until she too, in the tradition of the priests and nuns during the time of the Black Death, would finally succumb. In such a case she would yet be a worthy martyr in the best traditions of the Church, as well as an exemplar of compassion in the midst of the relentless Innocenticide of the first half of the twentieth century.

[*We have a complete (to date) package of AnswerMan's replies to questions on the Holocaust controversy. See page one of our catalog.*]

The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate. Bradley R. Smith. The most widely read revisionist article ever published. Put them in those postage-free junk mail envelopes you otherwise throw away. Leave them at libraries, schools, *cantinas*, wherever you pass your time. Eight panels.

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Towards a Revisionist International

The deniers [sic] have three times as many [Web]sites as their detractors.... Thanks principally to the Internet, the wind is shifting in favor of historical revisionism. Since the expansion in recent years of the WorldWideWeb in France, the Gayssot Law, which relegated the deniers of crimes against humanity to the margins, has been in effect repealed. Today the deniers are profiting from the disparity between a transnational medium (the Internet) and legislation which is confined within national frontiers.

The majority of the deniers' sites present themselves primarily as defenders of freedom of expression. Often to be found on their home pages is either the blue ribbon symbolizing the fight for free speech on the Internet or the text of Article 19 of the Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, which states that "Each individual has the right to freedom of speech and of opinion."

A freedom of opinion that allows Bradley R. Smith (whose Website CODOH openly promotes historical revisionism) or Ernst Zuendel, two legendary figures of North American revisionism, to maintain ceaselessly that the gas chambers never existed and that the figure of six million Jews exterminated by the Nazis is a "myth."

• *Tristan Mendes-France and Michael Prazan*

[*From a story which appeared in* Marianne, *a left-leaning French periodical (October 26, 1998) Received via Itnernet.*

INTERNET ROUNDUP

The Campus Project On-Line

By Richard Widmann

Since 1991 one of the principal elements of CODOH's revisionist evangelism has been the Campus Project. The project kicked off in a big way on April 4, 1991 when the *Daily Northwestern* printed Bradley Smith's article "The Holocaust Story: How Much is False? The Case for Open Debate." This first major CODOH piece to be published in a university paper ran shortly after *Northwestern* professor Arthur Butz's plans to host a dormitory "fireside chat" on the topic of Holocaust revsionism ended, not in a "fireside, but in a firestorm on the *Northwestern* campus.

This article was denounced by *NU* professors, including one Peter Hayes, who charged Smith with manipulation, deception, distortion, ignorance, intimidation, nastiness, dishonesty, duplicity, maliciousness, and tastelessness (among other things). One thing was clear, the professors did not want a revisionist presence on campus.

Interestingly, even then, students were more open to the airing of both sides of the Holocaust Controversy. The student-run *Daily Northwestern* printed a rebuttal from Bradley Smith in which he wrote:

> Hayes expresses a fear that the real intention of people like myself is to "wear down" people like him. I don't want to wear down Hayes. I want to talk things over with him. The free exchange of ideas is invigorating, not burdensome.

One might wonder if it was not at that moment, when those words were typeset, that the Campus Project was born.

Since 1991, the project has drawn international attention, as Smith's advocacy of intellectual freedom and a free press, as well as his presentation of a substantial number of revisionist facts and arguments through his ads, has time and again gotten past campus and off-campus (ADL, most often) Thought Police, to reach a student audience that is numbered in the millions.

By the mid-90's the Campus Project needed to take on new dimensions. More and more students were turning to the world of technology and utilizing the Internet for both work and play. The need to tap into this new communication medium, reaching students more intimately and with a far greater range of revisionist scholarship and commentary, became obvious.

CODOHWeb was born in the fall of 1995 and the Campus Project shifted gears. No longer would CODOH's output of revisionist information and ideas on campus be limited to what it could fit into an advertisement. CODOH's new ads were true ads--they pointed students and faculty alike to CODOHWeb and its vast storehouse of revisionist materials.

Not only has the print medium directed students to CODOHWeb, but CODOHWeb has established a directory that brings the Campus Project itself to the World Wide Web.

The Campus Project On-line features areas of interest on every facet of the Campus Project. Students who want to know more about CODOH's position and find out more about the project itself have all that information at their fingertips.

Our Website's Campus Project page begins with a section entitled "Campus Update." Like the old print version of "Campus Update" issued in the early 90's, the on-line version lets everyone interested get current on all elements

of the Project. Here are Bradley's rebuttals and commentaries on the criticisms of professors who still profess their faith in the Holocaust orthodoxy. Latest news on the Project can be found on this page. The full text (and rules) of CODOH's recent $250,000 reward for the individual who can arrange the TV debate between CODOH and the ADL is featured in all its glory.

The Campus Page also provides a "Guest book" where students and faculty members are invited to state their opinion on the question: "Should there be intellectual freedom on the Holocaust subject at your campus?" This unmoderated section gives the students a place to actually debate their position on the Campus Ads and on the topic of revisionism.

For the sake of the historians who will one day chronicle revisionism's ultimate victory, we have also established archives with the complete texts of all of the CODOH ads and a listing of the colleges where the ads have run. Information is made available to students on how to lend a hand to CODOH by distributing copies of the CODOH pamphlet, "The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate."

Naturally, the Campus Page also provides links to some of the best revisionist writing available, putting articles, often illustrated with photos and diagrams by Butz, Berg, Faurisson, Rudolf and many more of revisionism's leading scholars at students' fingertips.

The Campus Page also has a dark side. We have established an area for the words and ideas of the "Campus Thought-Police." On this page students can contrast the words and ideas of John Stuart Mill and those who would stifle the free exchange of ideas, such as Deborah Lipstadt, Bernie Farber, Michael Berenbaum and of course Professor Peter Hayes. The words of the Thought Police are often quite revealing. The ADL, for example, has commented on the Campus Project:

> College students are young, idealistic, predisposed toward the underdog and against authority, often willing to challenge received wisdom, struggling to cope with many new, disorienting ideas and, today, frequently without a strongly formed sense of history.

Surely we are all aware that dark forces are at work to help "form" that sense of history in our young. From what we have seen recently, an increasing number of college students are indeed idealistic and willing to challenge the received wisdom of their time. Perhaps the victory of truth and freedom will be won by the generation of young people who are today beginning to crowd the battlements of liberty and truth that have been established in cyberspace.

The revisionist revolution is one of ideas--one that welcomes the subversion of the dishonest and disorienting paradigms of the past.

LETTERS

The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate, is one of the best revisionist articles I have read. It has the additional advantage of being in leaflet form. I put them in the postage-free return envelopes I get with my junk-mail. You used to advertise this leaflet in *Smith's Report*. Why don't you still do it? And send me another 100 copies.

Bill Reedy, Arizona

[*It got away from me. Big mistake. I've taken care of it. See page five, lower right. Thanks.*]

I can't help but notice that the name of the group for which CODOH is an acronym keeps swinging back and forth between the Committee for Open Debate of the Holocaust, and the Committee for Open Discussion of the Holocaust Story. Which is it? Open debate has a decisive ring to it, and the context has always made clear that its meaning is: No laws or other state intimidation of dissent from Holocaust orthodoxy; no blacklists and boycotts of Holocaust revisionists by "private" publishers, publications, distributors, universities and the like.

Open discussion has a weaseling sound to it. If it's in use because CODOH buys the idea that "Open Debate" equals an endless name calling match with the obfuscators in the press and other special-interest groups, that's a victory for the obscurantists of the Holocaust cult. Open Debate means freedom of speech, not logic-chopping and insult, Talmudic or otherwise. So, Open Debate--Open Discussion--which is it?

Stephan Gallant, New Jersey

[*All right. Open Debate. I'll fix it.*]

Well, as I read your newsletter each month, I find it interesting to watch how you manage to continue tilting at the Holocaust Windmill, exposing your neck to the axeman's blade, and seem to take delight in the risk. I cannot help but be intrigued. Do you realize we go back almost forty years? Since you were a bookseller on Hollywood Boulevard. I think if I were as single-minded of purpose as you, I would be wealthy today.

H.M., California

[*The other night I sat at Mother's bedside and together we watched a remake of Emily Bronte's* Wuthering Heights *on television. I was astonished by Heathcliff's passionate, life-long obsession--his life, not hers, for she died in childbirth while still young-- for Cathy. There is something gigantic about it. It's hair-raising. Later, as I was preparing for bed myself, thought recalled a David Mamet essay on theater where he defines "character" as being illustrated through repetition of the same response to different, even unrelated situations. Then there is John*

Weir, who has taken on our fax and email outreach programs. He ends each of his e-mail communications with a quote from Nietzsche: "It is not the strength, but the duration of great sentiments that makes great men." Thought was adding up these observations in a burst of logical free association. In each instance, regardless of its roots, there was the example of persistence, for better or for worse. Setting aside the "great men" business with regard to myself, I began reflecting on how for twenty years I have pursued one idea--one ideal really--through thick and thin. The ideal that intellectual freedom should be available to all of us, not just the elites, the politically correct, and the special interest groups. Tying intellectual freedom to the Holocaust controversy was a rotten career choice, but I have never regretted making it. Like Heathcliff, my infatuation with the light of my life is without limit, no matter how peculiar it appears to others. Like character in Mamet's dramatic thesis, my one reaction to every attempt to suppress open debate on the H. controversy is a demand for more intellectual freedom. The desire for intellectual freedom is a great sentiment, but you do not have to be a great man to desire it or to work for it. You can be an ordinary man, persistent in following your ideal.]

We are, I surmise, about the same age. I, too, was in service during the Korean war, but assigned to the Army of Occupation in Germany (2nd Armored Div.). You might be interested to know that, while I saw no combat, I garrisoned at the Foch Kasserne in Bad Kreuznach. During the winter of 1945-46, B.K. was the site of an infamous "Rhine Camp" where--as I soon learned--some 10,000 German POWs died of exposure, malnutrition, and/or dysentery. In 1953 we were told it was a "isolated incident." I believed that true until the publication in 1991 of James Bacque's *Other Losses.*

[*When I was your age I was a lot farther behind the curve than you on this one. I didn't hear of the camps at all until James Bacque.*]

OTHER STUFF

TRANSLATORS--The first responses to my call for translators are trickling in. I am sending your names to Jan Metz, managing editor for translators, and he will be in touch with you shortly. We need help in every language, but at this time particularly with translating materials from English into the Romance languages, particularly Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. All work done would be published on the Internet, on our World Wide Web site, and become part of a permanent, multi-lingual library of documents relating to revisionist theory. If you have the necessary skills to translate documents from English into any foreign language, or *vice versa*, and would like to help CODOH grow as the spearhead of what our two French friends call the "Revisionist International" (see p. 6), please contact me at any of the below numbers.

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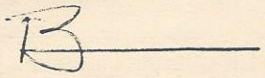

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